"KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, AND THE ESIS THE ROYAL THRONG UPON WHICH SH SITS, AN ENEDTHEONMONARCH?"

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EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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[From the Canden Journal.]

FORTY-EIGHT HOURS IN A TREE TOP .- My planta, tion is about three miles from Camden, on the Waterec. Intelligence reached me on Wednesday last that the river was rapidly rising. 1 took a bateau, in company with a strong man servant and pushed off to rescue my stock. While engaged in capturing three fine hogs the head dam on the plantation above, broke and let loose a flood that swept everything . before it, and spread out about two miles from bank to bank. In attempting to get out the baleau was washed by the current against a tree, capsized and two of the pigs drowned. The boat was caught by the tree in mid. ship, and we managed to get on the bottom where we stood three feet in water. Our fail anchor began to give way, but there was another tree ten leet distant beyond our reach from the boat. By crawling as far as we could and then by placing one and of the boat pole in a fork of the tree and holding the other end, my companion in distress made his accepe, and in turn helde pole for me. It was a catton tree, seven inches at the root, and about forty feet high. We had scarcely perched ourselves in its boughs before the first tree and the boat were swept away. Here we were up a slender tree, with an angry torrent twenty feet deep aweeping five feet beneath us, and an expanse of the river more than a mile on either side. From this time, Wednesday twelve o'clock, until Friday wo o'clock we cludg for life to these frail but faithful labs. The river reached its his hest on Wednesday enting at five o'dock, and its roar and width prevented our cries from being heard until next day. All the fireday and night, and all the second day and night we wouted ter help; and we began to give up all hope. e ferrio to save the boat I had thrown on h

hiel we lost, and the only way we kept outsives m freezing to death was by violently and constantly striking each outer and kicking the tree. Thursday night the boy stept somety, and it was with difficulty I supported him and cheered him up from giving out entirely. We tasted no food or water, and felt no inclination to do so but I occasionally molauped my lips, that I might halloo the louder. The waves urged about us and we were fearful the tree would be washod off, as the corrent scement to be heaped up in the track in which it grew. Though almo t my entire stock of mules, beef cattle, sheep, hogs, fodder, &c. was swept away, yet so imminent was the poril, I scarcely thought of them for a moment. Every exertion. was made to resone us by several gentleman, but the torrent was too swift and heavy for a boat to live. A bateau with two negroes came within a hundred yards of the tree, when it was swamped and they barely escaped by clinging to another. About two o'clock on Friday, Mr. Rusu, the overseer on Col. CHESNUT'S Friday, Mr. Rusn, the overseer on Col. Chesnur's islifted agress a muddy street; gentlemen in plantation, with two colored men, reached the tree stars talking politics; gentlemen in jeans tight in a boot. He, with one of them, took our places on the tree, and we safely reached the shore, stiff and bruised from the fearful exposure. The boat returned band; soldier kindly asks him if his cow is the tree, and we safely reached the shore, stiff and and brought the other parties. My colored boy is con fined to bed, but is doing well; he would have given out in a few hours longer no doubt. I am sore in my limbs, and hoarse, but suffer in no other way, and with gratitude to a kind Providence for rescuing us from a watery graye. I will ever remember the freshet of January 11, 1865.

The plantation is badly washed, and in some places heavily deposited with sand. Every dam was carried away. The river rose two or three feet higher than any mark within the memory of the oldest civizens. I would here express my thanks to those who so nobly periled their lives to save ours, and especially to Mr.

RUSH. My loss, in part, consists of eleven head of borses and mules; two jenets; about twenty head, of cattle; seventy-five head of hogs; forty-five to fifty sheep; a large amount of fodder, peas, &c., &c., &c.

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[From the Camden Journal.]

THE FRESHET.-Up to this hour we have been unable to note any particulars regarding the damage done by the late freshet. It is impossible to particularize, with any degree of accuracy, and only give some few instances of disaster, as related by friends. The injury done the Camden branch of the South Carolina Railroad is slight. Two culverts, near Kingville, were washed out, both of which, we learn, will be reported to day, if the water recedes sufficient to enab hands to work. At and hear Kingville the loss sus-

tained by the rai roud companies. I ain track and by a and of the planters ad the dain track and mense. Nearly all the emban are flow occurring what was once the rail one of the roud and embantments. The road by tween Kingville alper concare fliver, with a portion of the trestle. Amongst the sufferers in our ownfriet, we learn that Major J. M. DESAUSSUBE and MOHS MCR. 2lost nearly their entire stock of hogilhe editor of the Journal has lost by this same fres no inconsidgrable amount—at least as much as awe know of up to this time.

by railroad or telegraph. The te cgriffine between this place and Kingville and Columbia, all in good werking condition, but the Charlestoand a uhern lines are grounded in the Congaree trainp. The trains running to and from Charlest in id Columbia will be unable to cross the Congared w safety for some days yet. The hands of the railed company are engaged repairing the road, under to energetic and efficient superintendence of Mr. JAM TRUMBULL. Mr. McKewn, an experienced railroadatracte. is engaged on the main road, and wiff ndoubt repair all damages in a few days.

years residence in this dist ict, that there is never bee known such a freshet in this section of the State.

STREET LYRICS .- The makes the very approp panorama of life as pr city life :

Ancient maiden wall girls-knew her by he try carle—tries to tem the flam, juris, struct are rather dangerous better to take her for to think it but-a po!

Hosts of ladies-b air, casting meening y burs," or perchance for the "stars." "What a e the "stars." "What a struce fellow! lsn't he a catch! Fire enough a ut him to kindle any match."
Then their dresses sweeping just a feet be

hind, look like they might spare a little "tax in kind." Sobersided fogy querality mutters, "Father costly rigging, for sweeping out the guters." Lady tartly answers—throwing off some airs—that "the men had better mind their own affairs.'

Gentemen in trade terribly do bicker; gentlemen'n gray, dreadfully in liquor; gentlemen in stripes gazing at the feet, shen a skirt

dead; gendeman in beaver, soberly replying, rather thinks she is, as the calf is crying; soldier's visage changes, grinning rather broad, abijously he's feeling he is kind o' "chawed."

Sanding on the corners, men of every station give their candid views about the situation; wish they had an army upon the Yankee track, and wondering if Mister Sherman will be back; say it's their opinion there is something rotten would like to buy some gold and what's the price of cotton ?

Pigilistic fellows growing bellicose-like a cold foreaster, come to heavy blows-local is abroal-doesn't like to slight 'em-rushes to his dom with a thrilling item; writes it in a hurry, by his midnight taper, fears it is too late for the morning paper.

The Longin Post says it is impossible not to recognize n the recent operations of the Confederates hat superior strategetic skill, as well as gallary, which have so long enabled them to thwart every design of the Federal Government. They have not morely met sheer force successally by sheer force, but by sagacity and shall have arrested the most formidable of the attacks witherte directed against their independence.

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Camden, Wednesday, January 18.

The House of Representatives of the Conwith a portion of the trestle, at been washed away. The loss in stock is said dispercedented, in that section. Messrs. Bates bleen, at Kingville, suffered largely, the former of the have lost \$20,000 worth of live stock data plantation. ters and route a; en's was passed

EVACUATION OF LOCOTALIGO. -Information was received in Charleston Sunday that our forces abandoned Pocotaligo Saturday night, burning the Saltketcher Bridge and We have no communication with Cleston, either falling back to this side of the Salkehatchie

It was reported Saturday morning that a heavy force of the enemy, estimated at fifteen thousand men, under the command of General Fosten, were advancing on Pocotaligo. The enemy encountered our forces pear the old battle graned at old Pacataligo A fight en sued and the enemy were held in check until dark, when our troops, in accurance with previous arrangements, were wishdrawn to our We are informed by an old gentlemant over life lines behind the Salkehatchie. All the commissary, stores, &c., at Pocotaligo were Frought off safely. No particulars were re-

> THE ROLL OF HONOR .- We are indebted to Minor John M. DeSaussure for a copy of the report of the agent of State for collecting and recording the names of deceased soldiers, having fallen during the present sir penchatety wetner street in the by disease in hospital, or accident, from which we extract, a few statisties. We are aware of the many disadvantages incident to the compilation of such a volume, though there seems to be many complaints with reference to its inaccuracy. The statements, as found in Mr. Johnston's report to the Legislature at its recent session, has been deemed

We do not presume to rectify inadvertant miscalculations of the agent, but are fearful that, from the report before us, there may be just ground of complaint.

deficient and rejected by that august body.

The following is a recapitulation of the whole loss, as classified by the agent in the report referred to:

Brigadier Generals. Colonels. Lieutenant Colonels. Majors Captains. Staff Officers Non-commissioned officers and privates 7,074

FROM MISSISSIPPI.

EXPEDITION TO PASCAGOULA. JACKSON, January 13 .- Private advices from New Orleans to the 4th instant, have been reeeived. Preparations were making for an expedition of fifteen thousand men to Pascagonla. A Fair for the benefit of Confederate prisoners was held in the city, the proceeds of which railroad south is very long, and requires great were \$8000.

Many old business men were emigrating to Matamoras.

The Yankee lines have been stringently closed until after the 4th of March Thereported reason is fears of troubles in the North-

FROM LOUISIANA.

ANOTHER YANKEE EXPEDITION.

CLINTON, January 14 .- A large number of troops from Nashville, estimated at from fifteen to twenty-five thousand, recently passed down the river to New Orleans. It is believed that an expedition is organizindg either to attack Mobile or to go up Red River.

LATEST ARMY NEWS

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ARRIVAL OF FRANK P. BLAIR

RICHMOND January 12.- Frank P. Blair arrived in this city yesterday, and is staying at private aparters. The evening's "If hig ? tays that it is reported that he had an interview last night with the Secretary of War, but there are no developments in regard to the object of his

In the Virginia House of Delegates, to-day, resout ous we e submitted for the appointment of Commissioners to couler with the authorities of the other States for Commiss oners from the United States, as to the best mode of mitigating the horrors of the present war and bringing about an honorable termination of the same The resolutions were indefinitely postponed by yeas 101 to mays. 2.

FROM WILMINGTON.

Pichmond, Jan. 16 .- The following official desputeh was received this morning, dated hendquarters, January 16. To Hon. J. A. Seddon: Gen. Brugg reports that the enemy had bombard d Fort Fisher furiously all day yesperday. At 4 p. m., their infantry came up to as ault, and a heavy demonstration at the same hour being undo against their rear by our troops. At half past six p. m., Gen, Whiting reported their attack had failed, and the . garrison as being strengthened with fresh groups. About 201 in, the fort was capto further particulars has been received.

FROM CHARLESTON.

CHARLESTON January 17 .- A Yankee shorttor on picket d'ty between forts Mouitrie and Sumter was sunk last night-it supposed by a torpedo. The smoke stack is all that is left above the water. A deserter reports the forces on the line of Salicachie, to consist of the 17th and part of the 15th corps-their destination Charleston. A considerable body of the andmy's infantry moved up about noon within two, and a half miles of Combahee, but afterwards retired.

NORTHERN NEWS.

Jackson, January 17 .- Memphis papers of the 10th have been received. There is much suffering for provisious. Brig.Gen. Gary takes command of Savannah. Sherman is moving on Branchville, and the federal troops concentrating at Florence and Athens. A large number of troops are passing down the Mississippi. The steamer Sea King had destroyed three Brigs, loaded, and two ships. Stanton has telegraphed to Grant that Blair'was going to Bielnnond, and that the responsibility of the effort to restore the Union rested with himself. Grant decided to pass them. Since Blair's return, he intimates that the rebellion is not whipped enough for peace negotiations yet.

A late telegrem from Nashville says that the numbers of troops to guard. The railroad to Louisville is often cut, The Chicago. Tribune says: Sherman makes no disguise of the fact that his destination is Charleston. Lincoln is determined to seize and sell all cotton at Savanmah, and if Foreign Subjects prove their claim they will be paid the proceeds. Simon Drap has been sent to Savannah to transact the box-

SENATOBIA, January 15 .- Memphis dates of the 12th say: Fort Smith has been evacuated by the Federals. The Confederate force infantry and artillery got below it; cans evacuation necessary.